Remarks

The allowance of claims 1-30 is appreciated.

In view of the protection so afforded, applicants feel it is unnecessary to contest claim 31 and it is for this reason that such is deleted herewith, although applicants do not concur that the limitation of its claims are actually met in the

cited patent to Kirby.

The application thus appears to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Any costs required by this filing, including for required extensions of time, petition for which is hereby made, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-1425 of the undersigned attorneys.

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